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FOURSQUARE WORLD

# ADVANCE



Dr. Rolf McPherson, Foursquare President, with Tribal Leaders in Africa. Highlights on page 12.

**"UNTIL THOU BE INCREASED"**

How often we have heard it said that if God gave us everything we asked for what a sad lot would be ours. An all-wise God often answers "no" to our amiss requests thus sparing us anguish and heartache.

But it is God's will that we ask that our joy may be full (John 16:24) and that we have those things that will cause us to prosper materially, physically and spiritually (III John 2). In so many instances God would have us embrace and claim many more of His promises than we do, thus realizing more of His blessings, grace and power.

However, there are times when God will give to us only in proportion to that which we are prepared to handle and that with which He may trust us. In essence, our assets of blessings and promises realized enlarge only as we increase spiritually; they expand only as we experience spiritual growth. A good example of this is the nation of Israel who upon leaving the land of Egypt by divine deliverance, faced as great a challenge in their conquest of the land God promised would be theirs. Exodus, chapter 23 lists the enemies (nations) who occupied this land as well as the promise that God would deliver the inhabitants into their hands.

Although the promise to Israel of total victory is given, God is very careful to point out that the

The First Foursquare Gospel Church of Charlotte, N.C. was recently dedicated with General Supervisor, M.E. Nicholls, the guest speaker.

Director of Youth Ministries, Dan Usery, announces a **Foursquare Youth Leadership Congress** to be held June 14-18, 1976 at Maranatha Bible Camp in North Platte, Ne. This five-day conclave is designed for youth, youth leaders and advisors and pastors. Look for further details in the April ADVANCE.

Mount Vernon Bible College reports that Dean of Students, **Glenn Nicholls**, recently attended seminars at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky. on Human Development and Christian Education. **Honeytree**, a nationally known, Christian artist visited the MVBC campus and presented her ministry to the student body.

LIFE Bible College declared January 16 as "**Marge Irish Day**." Mrs. Irish completed 25 years of service as Manager of the school's cafeteria. Instructor **Zoe Ann Hill** has been appointed as Director of Student Ministries, replacing Rev. Gary Curtis who has joined the staff of the Glendale, Ca. Foursquare Church. Rev. Curtis will continue to teach part-time at the college. Executive Director, **Don McGregor**, ministered in Leadership Training Institutes in San Angelo, Tx. and St. Petersburg and Tampa, Fl. Coming Leadership Training and Church Growth Institutes will be conducted in Ventura and Bell Gardens, Ca. and Lubbock and Dallas, Tx.

The Spring Semester at LIFE Bible College began with **35 new students** joining the student body.

The Youth Department of An-

defeat of their enemies would not come in one year, but He would drive them out "By little and little...until thou be increased, and inherit the land" (Ex. 23:29, 30). God knew that if He did a quick work and drove the enemy back in one year, the children of Israel would not be prepared to immediately occupy the entire land. The land would then become desolate and the beast of the field would multiply against them (verse 29).

In the years when the children of Israel began to possess the land, God gave them cities which they did not build, homes full of good things which they did not supply, vineyards and olive trees which they did not plant and wells which they did not dig. Had their enemies been driven back in one year, the cities beyond those first settled would have been mere ghost towns by the time the Israelites were prepared to occupy them.

With two months of the new year behind us are we questioning why God is so slow in granting our requests? Perhaps the answer is in the truth God spoke to the Israelites regarding their conquest of the Promised Land—"until thou be increased". When we continue to mature in our Christian experience, allow the virtues and graces of God to become a part of our daily living and are spiritually prepared to handle greater responsibilities and blessings, then will the fulfillment of God's many promises be realized. ④

gelus Temple received the **Sweepstakes Award** in the Float Division of the "Winter Wonderlane Parade" sponsored by the Echo Park Chamber of Commerce. Theme for the float was, "Unto You A Saviour".

February 14, 1976 was the wedding day of **Deborah Bowers** and **Paul Zisakis**. The bride is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John Bowers who serve in the International Department of Youth and Christian Education. The groom is a student at LIFE Bible College.

## OUR APOLOGIES...

To **The Good Newservice** which granted us permission to reprint the interview with Jimmy Owens that appeared in the Jan.-Feb. ADVANCE. We apologize for the oversight to give credit.

## PRESENT WITH THE LORD

Viola Davis, E. Logan Shipp, Pearl L. Toliver.

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# INSIDE OUR FOURSQUARE FAMILY

## COMMUNITY CONCERN:

### Haven of Hope

It all began in 1969 when a family in the Westminster, California Foursquare Church took into their home a mother of two who was a heroin addict. This burden, to help girls caught in the throes of drug addiction and those with emotional needs, spread to other members of the church and gave birth to Youth Awakening—a haven of hope to countless numbers.

Offering the only live-in program of its kind in Orange County, Youth Awakening's facilities today include two homes accommodating up to 20 girls with development of a third building housing 76 under way. Residents go through a carefully planned program of Scripture study, counseling sessions and household activities designed to help them gain self-esteem and a sense of responsibility.

Some girls are ready to leave the program after six months. Others, who feel they need more time to adjust to normal living, become residents at the Half-Way House which serves as a stopover for them. During this time they are counseled in job training and are advised on furthering their education. They are encouraged to take on more responsibility and must find at least a part-time job.

A former participant in the program and now a member of the staff states, "When I first came to Youth Awakening I had no feeling inside of me for myself or anyone else. I was confused about the real meaning of life itself. Through Youth Awakening I found Jesus Christ and a new life. He brought me out of a life of heroin addiction and all that goes with it." Many girls give similar testimonies of deliverance from years of drug addiction and the discovery of Christ as their personal Savior.



## CHURCH NEWS:

### "Spirit of '76"

The Dixon, Ill. Foursquare Church is honoring the Bicentennial in their church advertising by means of their church sign which is located on a highway into the town. The symbol and theme of the recent International Foursquare Convention, "We Hold These Truths" also appear on the sign.



### Church Receives Charter

The Pottsville, Pa. Foursquare Gospel Church, pastored by Rev. David Wing, recently received its charter.

The year of 1971 marked its beginning as an outreach program from the radio ministry of the Muir, Pa. Foursquare Church. The congregation, which is growing, has a full schedule of services and outreach ministries.

Dr. Howard W. Clark, Eastern District Supervisor, presented the charter which was the highlight of three days of events planned as part of the charter activities.

### Bussing Proves A Blessing

Several years ago God gave the congregation of the Vallejo, Ca. Foursquare Church a beautiful new sanctuary and facilities for a Sunday School larger than they were experiencing. Challenged by these larger facilities, the congregation established a fund for a bus ministry. In time a bus was purchased and a prayer and visitation program launched.

At a Sunday School Rally conducted by Western District Sunday School Coordinators, Rev. and Mrs. Tim Coffman, a bus driver, bus captain and workers to canvass for the bus ministry were enlisted. Pastor Horace Jackson reports an average of 25 now riding the bus to Sunday School.

## YOUTH:

### Basketball Champs

League Director, Ronald H. Solmes reports an exciting and highly competitive basketball season in the Chicago Division Foursquare Basketball League with teams from three Chicago, Ill. area Foursquare Churches competing. The season ended with the following league standings: First Place—Chicago Foursquare Church; Second Place—Aurora Foursquare Church; Third Place—Chicago Heights Foursquare Church.

### First Place at State Fair

Emerging in First Place in the statewide "Sounds of Joy" competition held at Cal Expo (California State Fair), Randy Richardson and the Koinonia Singers sing a message in song in order to reach souls for Christ.

All members of the group attend the Penryn, Ca. Foursquare Church and have been involved in Western District camping. As a result of receiving First Place Honors, they are featured on a long play record and appeared on the television special, "Sounds of Joy". Lisa Schimmick, a member of the group, received First Place honors in the Female Soloist category.



### Most Valuable Player

A member of the winning team at the 1975 United States Junior Olympic Water Polo National Championship competition, Chris Kelsey, was awarded the competition's highest honor—"Most Valuable Player". Chris, age sixteen, is a member of Hope Chapel Foursquare Church of Manhattan Beach, Ca.

# "We Hold These Truths"—The Bible's authority for personal and national conduct emphasized at the 53rd Annual Convention, February 18–24, 1976.

## MINISTERS ORDAINED

President Rolf K. McPherson presented candidates for ordination with the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel at this Sunday-afternoon service. Receiving the laying on of hands, these men and women were set apart for the ministry. Vice President Howard P. Courtney addressed the candidates, utilizing the theme, "WE HOLD THESE TRUTHS—DECLARE THEM". (Portions of this message appear in the "Open Your Bible" feature on page 14 of this issue.)

## MINISTRIES HONORED

On the closing night of the convention 31 ministers were honored for 25 years of ministry to their church. Lovely 25-year pins were presented to those honored. General Supervisor Merrill E. Nicholls conducted the awarding of pins and reports a total of 722 ministers thus honored since this program's inception in 1956. Dr. Nicholls, Convention Chairman, delivered the closing address and spoke on the theme, "The Church Triumphant".

## FIFTH FACS CONFERENCE

On February 16, the Foursquare Association of Christian Schools had its Fifth Annual Conference. The tone of the day was set by Dr. Don McGregor, Executive Director of LIFE Bible College, and Dr. Paul Kienel, Executive Director of the Western Association of Christian Schools. Dr. McGregor's keynote address dealt with the role of the Christian school in the ministry of the church.

A variety of seminars dealt with such topics as: Classroom Discipline, Teaching Bible Creatively, Individualized Instruction, Starting a Preschool and Opportunities for Ministry in the Christian School in America. At nearby Les Freres Taix Restaurant, Dr. Kienel spoke on the Christian School in America.

## LIFE ALUMNI BREAKFAST

The LIFE Alumni Breakfast was held Saturday morning, February 19 at the Sheraton-Universal Hotel in Universal City. Alumni President William Higginbotham presided over the program which included; a video presentation of campus activities of the past and present, special music by the LIFE Bible College Choir with guest soloists including Brenda Jorgensen and Karen Coke, the presentation of scholarships and, the coming year's project which was presented by Rev. Karl Coke.

## CFM CONVENTION LUNCHEON

Several hundred men who gathered in the Embassy Room of the Disneyland Hotel were blessed, inspired and challenged by the reports of missionaries on furlough, the help they need and the literature that CFM can provide. Increased interest was indicated in enlarging the infant ministry of CFM's radio outreach, "VISION CFM". President Emeritus, Karl Williams reported on his recent trip to Central America and the opportunity for men to assist in the building of the Managua, Nicaragua Foursquare Church and other similar projects through the affiliate missionary plan.

In this Bicentennial year, International President, Jack Saffell led the men in special prayer for our government officials, and especially for those Foursquare men who occupy public office or are candidates.

Bobby Greene's singing was a great blessing. Jimmy Owens thrilled the men with his testimony of how God transformed his life and poured into his heart the words and musical score for "If My People". He told of the tremendous challenge and opportunity afforded the cast of "If My People" through the projected nationwide tour of this musical to major U.S. cities during the Bicentennial year.

## UFW SHEPHERDESS LUNCHEON '76

The reds, greens, blues, pinks and yellows blended into a glorious garden in full bloom. From the control booth, looking down on this scene, the faces became somewhat indistinct and the beautiful gowns predominated.

This was the Shepherdess Luncheon '76 held at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, Ca. on February 18. The luncheons are held each year during the International Foursquare Convention to honor all our lady ministers and minister's wives—the Shepherdesses.

What a cherished opportunity it was to listen to "Hansi", Maria Anne Hirschmann. As a young, orphan girl she was selected for special education by the Nazi Regime. Leaving her home in Czechoslovakia she began a life that led through the desperate war years and the nightmare of a Communist labor camp until her escape to the West. Her message "The True American" made each lady present appreciate her heritage.

Also included in the luncheon program was "Parade '76" with its marching patriotic theme, which presented the many projects and programs that are carried on in the name of the United Foursquare Women. [4]

# Encountering Christ in West Africa

by Mitchell Belobaba



Walk down a well-trodden path leading from an African village to a market and oft to the right you will see a thatched-roof shrine. In that shrine, you will find a god. A god made of two pieces of clay and a handful of monkey teeth. At its base, ears of corn, bowls of rice, pieces of fowl and other offerings are placed in order to secure the favor or seek a boon from this man-made deity. Although the West African is blinded by the god of this world, we, nevertheless, preach Christ. So serious are these people in the worshipping of this idol, that they have burned our church down because it was built within one-half mile of their god. They wanted no foreign religion near their god's dwelling.

Today West Africa is experiencing an encounter with Jesus Christ. This encounter is bringing healing to her people. Samuel Nyann, a polygamist with five or six wives, was converted from cultism which was a mixture of paganism, Bible teachings, and satanic practices. Sixteen months after meeting Jesus Christ, he spiritually matured to a place where he became the pillar of our work in the country of Ghana. Another man, who was crippled with arthritis to the point where he could not walk, was healed in a crusade. He returned the second night and appeared on the platform where he danced with joy and sang a song. This was the first time he was able to move in this manner for years!

Henry Dodo was won to Christ through personal evangelism. Because he did not know what to do with his life, he enrolled in a teacher training college. After he accepted Christ and took up his new secular appointment, he began a Sunday school and conducted church services as well. Christ has given him a purpose and a meaning to life. Another young man came to the Bible College and his life was completely transformed. After sitting in a class for one semester on personal evangelism, he went out on his ten-week semester break and led 35 people to Christ. As these converts were in the surrounding area of the school he was able to shepherd them and bring them to various degrees of maturity. He didn't just win them to Christ and leave them, but he discipled them as well. The healing of Africa brings a tremendous spiritual hunger. The people are ready and willing to learn and are zealous for the teaching of God's Word. They will use their holidays from places of employment to attend retreats, camps, and conventions.

A representative from the television station came to us and said, "Would you present a television program that would reach the entire family?" We responded, "We will not do it, but we feel that we have Nigerians who are capable of such responsibility." The station personnel

responded, "Let us see what they can do." John Adasanya and a partner went to the television station and put on a program for the producer. The producer liked what he witnessed and told the boys to come back for the taping and the airing of the program. I asked the producer how many television sets were on in the city of Lagos at that time on Sunday afternoons. He stated that their survey showed at least 25,000 sets were turned on and each set had at least 10 viewers. This means that these two boys will have a viewing audience of 250,000 people on a Sunday afternoon. Africans are reaching other Africans through the modern means of television.

Nigeria has a pioneering spirit. The Agege Church began with 78 in attendance. Through training sessions their attendance grew to 1,100 within six years. In addition to this, they have opened two works and are now opening the third branch work. The church in Nigeria has set a pattern of establishing at least four major works every year. A major work is a work in a center that has a population of at least 100,000 people and has the possibility of expanding to four, five, or even eight other churches in the area.

The missionary spirit of West Africa is best expressed by relating what has taken place in the expansion of the Foursquare Gospel to the country of Ghana. It was in 1974 when we went into Ghana. At this time Disi Orebayo took his family to Ghana to begin the work. A ten-day, opening crusade was conducted as well as personal witnessing on a one-to-one basis. Through street-meetings and home-to-home visitation he and his wife reached as many people as they could. As a result, an outstanding work was established. After one year's operation there are now six meeting places with 150 to 175 attending the anniversary service.

The encounter with Christ that West Africa is experiencing has been brought about through the blending of your missionary personnel and the African personnel; your missionary dollar and their missionary dollar. It is, together, taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the unreached and telling them of the great love of God and the way of salvation. [4]

*The people of Africa are hungry for the Word and zealous to work. Every foreign dollar is multiplied in its effectiveness.*

# Civil Involvement— How Should Christians Participate?

John T. Gortney, Jr.

**"As a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain I  
can apply the Gospel to our  
community's needs."**

## FORUM:



John T. Gortney, Jr.—Pastor,  
Little Rock, Ark. Foursquare  
Church.



Charles Hollis—Pastor,  
Moline, Ill. Gospel Temple.



Paul E. Jones—Supervisor,  
Southern California District.

Charles L. Hollis:

**"I've seen what Christians can do  
in the political arena."**

The Christian holds, in a sense, a dual citizenship. He is a citizen of the Kingdom of God, but he is also a citizen of an earthly nation, as well. Certainly, in keeping with Biblical teachings, he is to be a good citizen in both of these areas. Our allegiance to the Kingdom, of course, demands top priority, but the Scripture also stresses in Romans, chapter 13 that civil governments rule by the permission and sanction of God, and because of this Christians should obey the laws. This teaches the principle of good citizenship, and good citizenship not only claims privileges, but executes responsibilities, which requires involvement. The Apostle Paul was certainly proud of his Roman citizenship and used it to advantage whenever possible. Men such as Joseph, Daniel and Nehemiah were certainly involved in the affairs of civil government. I strongly believe that civil involvement affords real opportunities for translating the Gospel of Christ into practical and relevant life situations. Without a doubt, it is a ministry of the Lord's Church.

For the past 14 years I have served as a Civil Air Patrol Chaplain. In carrying out my duties I have been afforded countless opportunities to minister in areas that would never have been opened to me in the course of my regular ministerial duties.

We are all aware of the fact that the Bible teaches regeneration rather than reformation, yet reformation does have a legitimate place. The Protestant Reformation had a tremendous effect on every area of life in Europe. It not only changed the religious structure, but the social, economic and political life as well. John Knox, for example, became a leader for great reforms in Scotland. He exercised tremendous influence, even over rulers.

In this, our Bicentennial year, it might be well for us to reflect on what our nation would be like today had not the Founding Fathers been deeply involved in the formation of our nation. This required on their part a very deep involvement in the nation's political processes. Because of them, a spiritual emphasis has been the vital part of this nation's foundation from the days of the American Revolution and the writing of the Declaration of Independence. Surely people such as this are needed more than ever to influence the political processes of this nation.

Certainly, God's people can speak out! John the Baptist did. He was in a position to speak to the King about his sins—and did. It ultimately cost him his head, but even his martyrdom became a significant factor in "preparing the way of the Lord". I have found, by personal experience, that speaking out on "issues" can bring violent reaction. My recent stand on the Hare Krishna issue\* in Aledo, Illinois brought a great volume of favorable reaction. But, "letters to the editors" included some vicious attacks and accusations from the enemies of Christ.

Certainly individual Christians can and should, if it be God's will, get into political office. A number of years ago, I was privileged to attend a Washington, D.C. seminar sponsored by N.A.E. (National Association of Evangelicals). There I saw a powerful demonstration of what Christians in KEY positions of FEDERAL government can do. I, likewise, learned the enormous value of having knowledgeable Christian leaders there, keeping an eye on legislation and rendering influence on decisions being made. The N.A.E. Office of Public Affairs, headed by Dr. Clyde Taylor and Mr. Floyd Robertson, has been doing this effectively for years. I have been pleased to have men in our local church who have served as Mayor of our city, County Board members, School Board members and in other capacities. Would to God we Christians, generally, would be primarily concerned in this election year of 1976 about the spiritual and moral convictions of candidates at all levels, rather than their positions on economic and social matters. It would be a joy to have a genuine born-again, spirit-filled man as President of the United States, be he Republican or Democrat.

Churches as well as Christians, in my opinion, must "walk the tight rope" in these matters. Involvement in "party politics" per se would be disastrous for a church. We have wonderful, dedicated people among Republicans, Democrats and Independents. Our concern, as God's people, must be to call our nation to righteousness and holiness. "Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people" (Prov. 14:34) is the principle that motivates us. This is not a matter of politics, but of principle.

Paul E. Jones:  
**"Civic service roles offer  
believers opportunities to help  
heal our land."**

Jesus called believers "salt" and "light". This clearly indicates that every individual Christian is to be an infiltrator in every area of life—community service groups, community reform groups and political involvement as well. In Matthew 5:13 (*Living Bible*) Jesus said, "You are the world's seasoning, to make it tolerable." Involvement is expected of every Christian. The evangelization and discipling of our world is the supreme task of His Church, which is comprised of individual believers. This includes "the world of government, business, industry and education." These are a very real part of the total world about which Jesus was speaking. We are exhorted to win people on every level of our society. The national and international crises through which our nation has passed and is passing, i.e. Watergate, Vietnam, accelerating crime and appalling spiritual and moral decline, has shaken the lives of millions. It is through the ministry of individual believers that God has designed that our land may be healed (II Chron. 7:14).

One out of every six persons in America works for the government. Multiplied thousands of these civil servants are dedicated Christians. Something wonderful is happening! Noontime Bible study and prayer fellowship groups are springing up in every major city across our land.

Various conference rooms and offices of high-ranking officials are being used for such Bible study groups and prayer meetings in 14 government buildings in Los Angeles City, alone. In the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., there are over one dozen such weekly meetings being conducted. This is happening in every realm of society.

The *Los Angeles Times* newspaper recently wrote a long article on the personality of the Honorable John S. Gibson. For 27 years he has served as a member of the Los Angeles City Council and was recently voted to a record eighth two-year term as Council President. This newspaper article said of Councilman Gibson, "'I accepted Christ as my personal Saviour when I was 16 years old.' He has helped organize and participated in prayer meetings of government employee groups at the Los Angeles Civic Center." The article further stated, "Gibson's conservative ideology is firmly rooted in strong religious beliefs." Acts 17:34 (*Living Bible*) states, "...but a few became believers. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the City Council..." [4]

Dallas, Texas has had a taste of what practical Christianity really is through believers in the Foursquare Church of that city who haven't waited for the needy to come to them, but who have sought community involvement and found it in several very interesting and challenging areas.

When Shirley Fallis received her probationer's review, she knew this young woman needed to know God loved her and was concerned for her, and that she would only find it through someone who knew Jesus.

The case history read: 21 years old, high school dropout, border line intelligence; divorced, two illegitimate children adopted out; living at home with parents, on probation for ten years for narcotic possession.

Ken and Shirley became volunteer probation officers with the Adult Probation Department in Dallas, Texas, when their pastor shared the need in 1973. "We feel that since Jesus is the answer to all our problems, and since we knew Him personally, this was an opportunity for us to share God's love."

Volunteer probation officers meet weekly with probationers to listen, counsel, and help with their problems. As Christians, Mr. and Mrs. Fallis have that added dimension, the assist of the Holy Spirit, to make needy people whole.

And, when Art and Nita Levine were denied love and affection of their own grandchildren, and they found they had more love than they knew what to do with, they decided to find children who needed love and care. They found these through the Dallas County Foster Parent Organization.

With their home open to receive children, the Levines have given care, attention and love to several small children, some of whom have arrived with broken bones and badly malnourished.

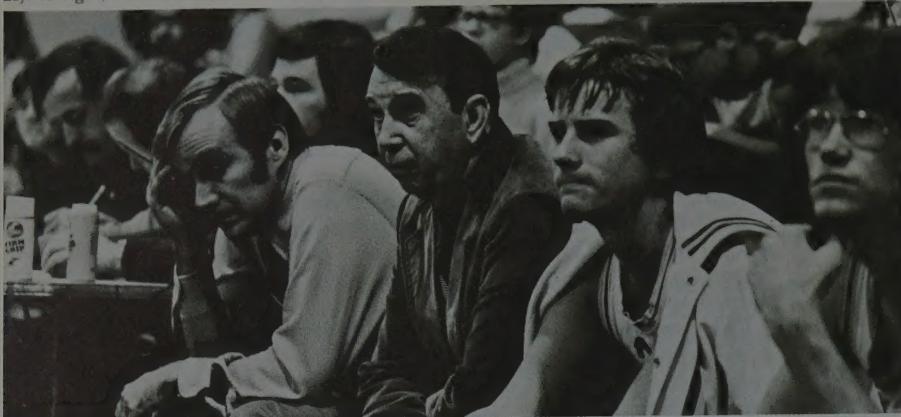
"Seeing these tots come out of their shells and blossom to become normal children brings a great sense of fulfillment," the Levines testify. "Most of them have never attended church before. A couple little ones were with us long enough to learn to help us say the blessing before our meals."

The Levines express the feelings of all involved in these volunteer ministries, "There are so many here in desperate need, and while we can't care for them all, we feel we are doing a small part in filling that need." [4]

**"The girl's probation file looked  
hopeless—high school dropout, two  
unwanted children, narcotics arrests.  
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God's love."**

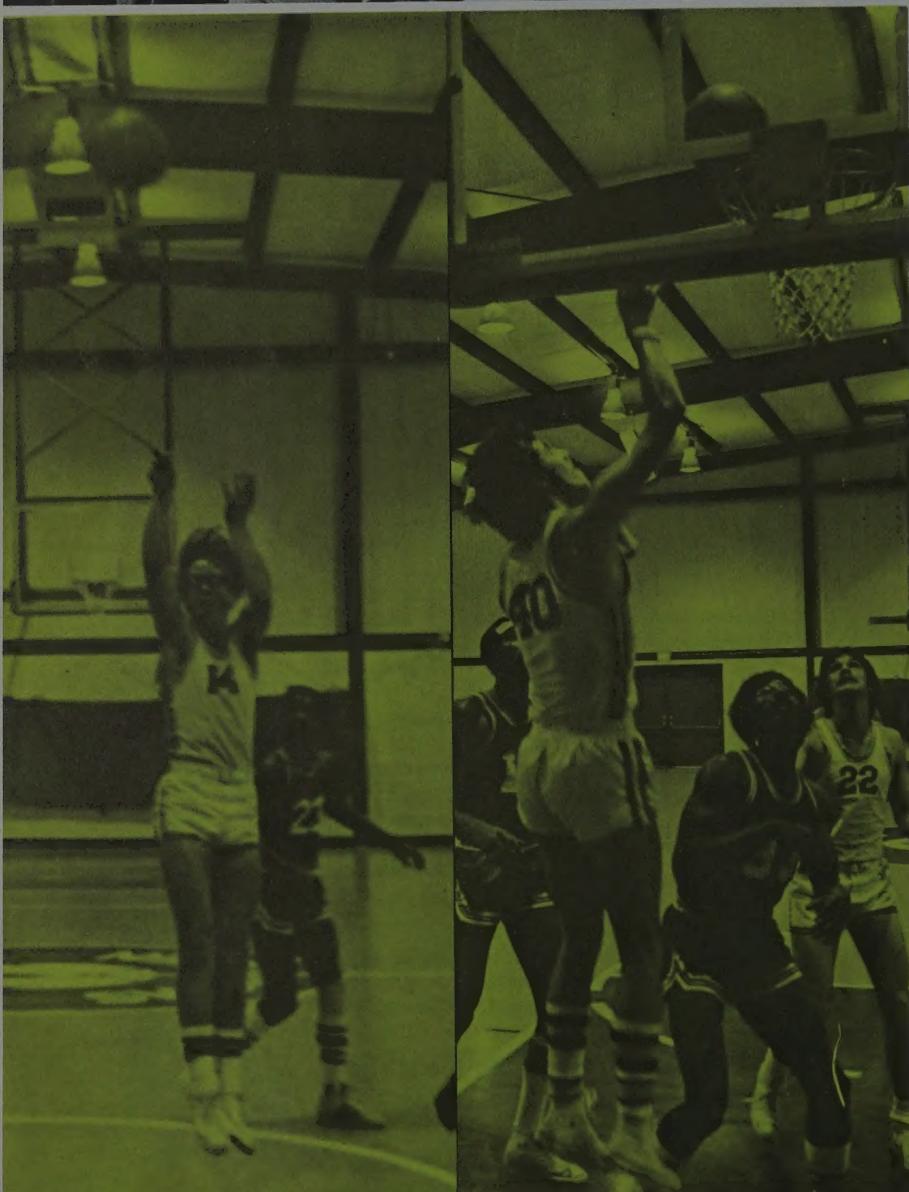
**Spirit-filled  
probation  
officers, foster  
parents make a  
case in point.**

*(Left to right) Athletic Coordinator Fred Morrison in pensive thought. Coach Noble and players watch action.*



## PEOPLE:

**On the court with  
Del Noble,  
who has personally  
coached 3 All-America  
basketball players.**



He had plans to retire from his professional basketball coaching when Coach Del Noble received a call from our Foursquare Bible School in Mount Vernon, Ohio to come and coach the school's basketball team, the Swordsmen.

After prayer and asking God for direction as to what his answer should be, he felt God gave him concrete direction when he was told the school had plans to build a gym and a 6'7" player was planning to attend. With this knowledge, he accepted the position.

Coach Noble began his coaching career in 1931 and coached in Ohio at Cardington School, in Cardington, and Howard School in Howard. At Howard High School he had the only championship basketball team in the school's history. He also coached at Ashland Business College, in Ashland, and Western Business College in Lima. Both schools had tournament teams.

An alumnus of Bliss College in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania and Cincinnati University, where he received his Master's degree, Coach Noble's philosophy in coaching is to stick to fundamentals in a positive attitude. He innovates this philosophy from the beginning of the season and builds it up as the season goes along.

He is also a firm believer that basketball games are won on the floor. Known to be relaxed and one to say little during a game, he was asked if he felt this resulted in his being relaxed. "It's the way you handle your boys," Coach Noble responded. He stated, "I am very much opposed to criticizing the officials. I don't allow my players to criticize them." Coach Noble believes that if he is relaxed he is better able to concentrate on the game. "I think it does help the boys," he said. "They are more relaxed." This is how he always coaches.

He is responsible for introducing the fast break at MVBC. He has developed a system of the fast break over the years which is the style of basketball the Swordsmen are playing. "We play a fast break style of game," states Coach Noble. "You have to build it for them."

oughout his coaching career, Coach has always had his teams pray. When he coaching the Pirates at Cardington High School he recalls that some of his former players would begin chanting before a game, "you Pirates, pray!" And they never to pray. His teams have always prayed and after a game.

Coach Noble does not believe in praying much. This is not his philosophy. His convictions are that one prays for strength in anything going to do. To him it is a case of just having faith. Coach Noble states, "To me, faith is in life. When you pray, you just turn it over to God. In His hands and then you have faith that He will take care of it. You then praise His Name and thank Him for taking care of it for you, and the faith that it will be taken care of."

Coach Noble's faith and basketball skills played a great part in turning the Swordsman into a winning ball club. His first year in coaching, the team's record was 11-11. His second year they closed the season with a 19-3 record and thus far this season their record is 16-6. He has taken a team that had never been .500 and turned it around.

Dean William Mouer states that Coach Noble is one of the most interesting men he has seen. Dr. Mouer finds him to have a keen interest in the Bible, particularly the events of end-time prophecy. "He speaks freely concerning his faith in the Lord", states Mouer, "and of his frequent conversations with Him in prayer." Though Coach Noble is quiet in his expression of faith he has firm convictions, based upon God's Word.

Members of MVBC's basketball team are unanimous in their opinion that Coach Noble is a man that puts God first in his life. States basketball player, Sam Morris, "My impression of Coach is that he is a dedicated man to the game of basketball. He tries his best to teach us the game, and the thing is that he puts God first in his life." MVBC's Athletic Coordinator, Fred Morrison, finds Coach Noble to be a very sensitive, kind and gentle man and really loves the guys on the team.

### ...about your WILL!

If you have already made your WILL and neglected to leave some part of your estate to God's work, you have missed one of life's great blessings.

Why not reconsider this matter now? Name the International Church of the Foursquare Gospel in your WILL. You can accomplish great things for GOD.

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Coach Noble's contributions to the sports world is not only producing winning basketball teams, but it includes being co-founder of the National Little College Athletic Association of which he is Commissioner. Sixty colleges across the nation belong to this Association which includes in its program other sports such as cross country, bowling, golf, wrestling and baseball. Coach Noble has personally coached three All-American basketball players, one of which is Chuck McDougall, a Junior at MVBC.

His concern for the young men on the team and his dedication to the college is what causes Coach Noble to drive over one-hundred miles a day to basketball practice and home games. This takes place four and five times a week which is especially commendable in view of the fact that his monetary remuneration includes only travelling expenses.

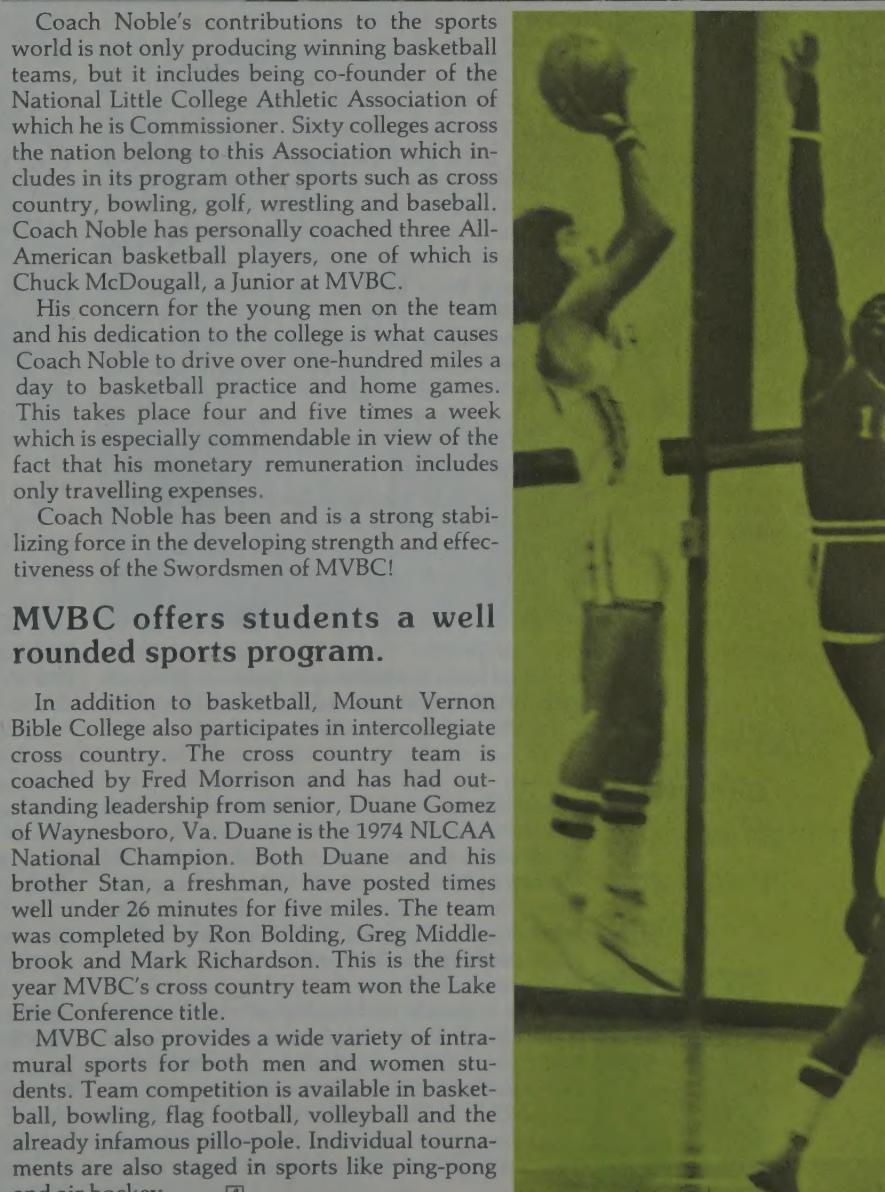
Coach Noble has been and is a strong stabilizing force in the developing strength and effectiveness of the Swordsman of MVBC!

### MVBC offers students a well rounded sports program.

In addition to basketball, Mount Vernon Bible College also participates in intercollegiate cross country. The cross country team is coached by Fred Morrison and has had outstanding leadership from senior, Duane Gomez of Waynesboro, Va. Duane is the 1974 NLCIAA National Champion. Both Duane and his brother Stan, a freshman, have posted times well under 26 minutes for five miles. The team was completed by Ron Bolding, Greg Middlebrook and Mark Richardson. This is the first year MVBC's cross country team won the Lake Erie Conference title.

MVBC also provides a wide variety of intramural sports for both men and women students. Team competition is available in basketball, bowling, flag football, volleyball and the already infamous pillow-pole. Individual tournaments are also staged in sports like ping-pong and air hockey.

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# THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT

*From the Closing Address of Dr. Merrill E. Nicholls to the International Foursquare Church Convention.*

We read and hear so much about the Church today—the visible and invisible Church; the Church in the home and on the street. But regardless of where you find it, in the Old Testament or in the New Testament, it has moved on under the direction and power of the Holy Spirit. Victory! Praise! Love! Joy!

We hear over and over what God is doing through the Church around the world. Those who have been little in the eyes of men are made giants by the power of God. Where there have been struggling groups of believers, they have been moved upon by the Spirit and now have grown and outgrown the physical buildings they worship in, with many having to schedule two and three services on Sunday mornings.

The words of Leviticus 26:10 are an expression of what God is doing: "And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new." We must keep in mind, however, that this promise is surrounded by the warning that the divine Presence can only be enjoyed by obedient people. The arm of God cannot be stretched forth to shield unholiness or disobedience. BUT, when we walk with God by His Spirit, there is a wall of fire around us.

"Like the Apostolic church, we are charged with turning the world upside down."

All through our lives wisdom and faith say, "...bring forth the old because of the new." We need to welcome the new, but treasure the old and in both see that He Who is changeless, changeth all things, fulfilleth all things—not following our customs, but His divine course. "And ye shall eat old store, and bring forth the old because of the new."

They who fear the Lord shall not lack any good thing. Psalm 34:9 states, "O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him." This is His covenant.

The Church Triumphant today is the church that brings forth the new because of the old. The Triumphant Church is a church of the Spirit!



God is working today in and through the Church as He did in the Apostolic Church, for the New Testament Church was not weak, but a church of power.

Let us stay open to His Spirit, His work and leading today. On one of Europe's ancient cathedrals there is a notice that reads, "This cathedral is not a museum." Emerson once wrote, "First the Spirit builds its house, and then dwells there." Like the blowing of the wind, the Holy Spirit cannot be confined, neither can it be commanded. It is still true, "The wind bloweth where it listeth..." (John 3:8). The wind is neither caused by man, nor under his control, yet it is unmistakably present. Therefore, the Triumphant Church is the church which prepares to be subject to the blowing of the wind of the Spirit.

A small boy asked an old sailor, "What is the wind?" After a long pause, the reply came, "I don't know. I can't tell what the wind is, but I know how to hoist a sail."

The Triumphant Church does not spend so much of its time trying to explain the Holy Spirit, but it hoists a sail in surrender and praise, accepting the Word in all of its power and reality, driven by the wind of the Spirit. It is a beautiful sight to see the boats in a harbor, or on a lake being driven effortlessly by the wind. But when there is no wind, fear and lifelessness exist. Let us move while the wind of the Spirit is blowing!

The Triumphant Church is a church open to the Spirit. When it loses its openness, zeal and fervor, with the Book of God closed and no prayer or spiritual worship from the heart, it will be passed by. We may have the best buildings, outstanding preaching, great choirs and so on, but no place for the Spirit to settle down.

While flying into St. Louis, Missouri and also into Moline, Illinois we were not able to land because of low ground fog and snow. The Triumphant Church does not allow the ground fogs of unbelief, humanism and doubt to settle on it thereby keeping the Holy Spirit from settling in its midst.

The Triumphant Church, like the Apostolic Church, is charged with turning the world upside down (Acts 17:6). These Early Church Christians started a new world and only God knows what would happen if we believed what they believed and moved as they moved, for Jesus had promised to them and to us also, "...ye shall be witnesses...unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

J. B. Phillips, in his translator's preface to *Letters to Young Churches* wrote, "These early Christians were on fire with the conviction that

By Rev. Jack L. Richey

# Azusa Street

## will always be remembered by

those who recount the Latter Rain outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Los Angeles, Ca. I first heard of it in Texas a few weeks after receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1938. Since that time there has been a desire on my heart to visit the place where the revival began. It seemed impossible, as the map shows only two small fragments on each side of the Santa Ana Freeway. The building was demolished in 1927. Apparently the site had been taken for the freeway. How happy I was to learn of the exact location from the feature articles of the January 11, 1976 issue of the *Los Angeles Times* and to be able to pinpoint it on the map.

The first outpouring in Los Angeles occurred on April 9, 1906 in the home of Richard and Ruth Asbury at 216 N. Bonnie Brae St., not far from Beverly Blvd. The house is presently occupied by their grandson, Richard Pruden, and still contains the piano used in the meetings. The frame bungalow, built upon a mountain-side in an older but well-maintained, middle class neighborhood, offered from its front porch and terraced lawn a natural platform for the meetings which soon overflowed into the street. By April 17 the meetings were transferred to the box-like structure on Azusa Street, a street destined to lend its name as the site of the first Pentecostal outpouring in the West. The floor was covered with sawdust. The pulpit was a packing crate. The pews were boards supported by kegs. The leader was a holiness preacher named William Seymour, from Charles Fox Parham's Bethel Bible School of Topeka, Kansas. Curiously, he received the

Baptism of the Holy Spirit after the Bonnie Brae outpouring which came through his preaching.

I took a bus to Hill and 3rd Streets, not far from the Civic Center and City Hall, crossed Broadway, Spring, Main and Los Angeles Streets to San Pedro Street. The one-block Azusa Street deadends between 3rd and 2nd Streets on San Pedro Street. The other end has no street outlet. The few pedestrians on the multi-lane San Pedro Street were Oriental business people. On the corner is an appliance store. To the rear of this store—facing Azusa Street—is a machine shop; the first door bearing the number 306, the second door being large enough to accommodate large vehicles and, like the third smaller door, unnumbered. Beyond is a large establishment used by a sign company, bearing the number 322. Between these is a parking lot used by a food store, which evidently was the site of the 312 Azusa Street Mission. No marker of any kind identifies the place as the Azusa Street Mission.

Neither Bonnie Brae nor Azusa Street is likely to ever become a shrine or tourist attraction. Yet these are monuments to a move of the Holy Spirit as humble people in simple surroundings sought the Lord and received a satisfying portion of the blessed Holy Spirit. The real monuments are in the hearts of millions around the world whose lives have been transformed in the movement that began on Azusa Street. [4]



Top: Azusa St., Los Angeles.  
Above: Asbury home on  
Bonnie Brae St. Left: Parking  
lot—site of Azusa Street  
Mission.

they had become, through Christ, literally sons of God; they were pioneers of a new humanity, founders of a new kingdom. They speak to us across the centuries."

Let us believe what they believed! Let us achieve what they achieved!

Isaiah wrote in 6:1, "I saw...the Lord." He saw not the King, but THE LORD!

Praise God, He is moving by His Spirit. Today's move is an outgrowth of the old, for out of the old shall come the new. We are not locked into a dark past, nor a narrow present, for God has set before us an open door.

The Triumphant Church, like the Apostolic Church at Antioch (Acts 13:1-4) is investing in people.

I don't know who it was who said, "We have had enough 'bless me' parties. Now it is time to reach a world for God." Missionary Bill West, speaking in Angelus Temple said, "We need the Church turned wrong side out. We need to stop

our continual plowing and plant some seed."

The Triumphant Church will pour its life into others. This was evident during the 1975 International Convention, as people found themselves pouring their lives into the lives of others. The proper outline of a Christian's prayer is not, "Please do for me what I want" but, "Please do with me what You want." That prayer will always be answered in proportion to its sincerity.

The Triumphant Church is the Church moving out into His truth and power. Isaac Newton once said, "I do not know what I may appear to the world, but to myself I seem to have been only a boy playing on the seashore, and diverting myself more, and then finding a smooth pebble, or a prettier shell than ordinary, whilst the great ocean of truth lay all undiscovered before me."

The Triumphant Church is a MOVING AND EXPANDING CHURCH! [4]

## Dr. McPherson completes twelve nation tour.

President Rolf K. McPherson and several of the denomination's officers recently conducted a five and a half week tour of the Foursquare mission works in the countries of Spain, Greece, Italy, Ghana, Nigeria, South Africa, Brazil, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia and Panama. A most recent visit took Dr. McPherson to the country of Guatemala.

Accompanying Dr. McPherson on the earlier tour was Dr. and Mrs. Leland Edwards, Director of Foreign Missions, and Rev. and Mrs. Paul Risser, officer and pastor of the Florence Avenue, Ca. Foursquare Church. Special meetings, conferences and seminars were conducted in the countries visited. They were also the special speakers at the 20th Annual Foursquare Convention of Nigeria. [4]

"The most effective way to reach the people of this country," says Missionary Ernie Denos, "is to present Christ to them in the homes and tell them that they have a great need of knowing Christ." Many in Athens receive Christ as Savior as a result of this ministry from home to home. This is personal evangelism. As it is almost impossible to build a church building, this is the most effective way at the present time to evangelize.

A home Bible study class has been started near the U.S. Base for American service people. An army Air Force sergeant opened his home and asked Rev. Denos to teach the Word to some of the servicemen.

Dr. McPherson speaking at Willowvale, Transkei, South Africa Church



Top: Members of tour team with missionaries and national leaders of Nigeria. Bottom left: Nigeria CFM meeting. Center right: Dr. Edwards and Nigeria CFM President. Bottom right: Yaba, Nigeria Church.

Mindanao is burning with fires of love, mutual understanding and unity that is alive in seven Pentecostal Churches and groups from all over Mindanao who gathered at a four-day conference held in Davao City.

One of the leaders spearheading this movement was Rev. Veronico T. Suan. He also served as the chairman for this conference. Sessions were held at Halls of Life Bible College and evening rallies at the Foursquare Gospel Church in Davao City.

The headquarter's church in Kingston hosted a crusade with approximately 700 attending the evening services. The crusade was

held in the church yard. Around 35 received Christ as their Savior.

Rev. Modesto Ginorio of the First Church of Ponce reports their re-inaugural service held, a year and two months after the church burned down.

During the revival in Isabela, a singer and an orchestra leader accepted Christ as their Savior. Over 200 souls came to the Lord. God healed a child who had one leg shorter than the other. A woman, using a neck brace from an automobile accident, was completely healed.

The 25th Anniversary of the Second Church of Ponce resulted with the church being filled to capacity. On Thanksgiving Day, the First Anniversary of the Third Church of

Ponce was held. The Sunday School in Bayamon has been growing.

#### DATELINE: Latin America

**Brazil**—The camping program is quite new in this country with the first held in 1970. Seven camps were held last year with an average of 180 campers attending. Two youth conferences per month have been conducted by Rev. and Mrs. Gary Royer. At these conferences they explain the "hows" and "whys" of the youth groups and the principles of Christian living. The Royers also teach in the Bible School with an enrollment of 130 students. "How wonderful it is to be a part in training these young people to go out and spread the Gospel throughout Brazil," state Rev. and Mrs. Royer.

**Chile**—The 15th Annual Convention of the Foursquare work in Chile had as its guest speaker, Rev. Vonita Gurney, who was a tremendous blessing. Rev. Lolita Frederick presented special music. This convention marked the farewell of the missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. Elmer McCammon who have labored for almost 14 years in this country. During the convention, the McCammons were able to bid farewell to the many pastors who attended and also to present the new Supervisors of the work, Rev. and Mrs. Glen Pummel. The Central Church was full every night with more than 600 attending the final night. There is a good unity in this field with a hunger on the hearts of so many for teaching in the truths of the Word. Pastors and laymen believe that the work in this country is going to continue to be a good strong work.

**Colombia**—The Bucaramanga Church has had a renewing of its missionary vision. The church is giving to a general missions fund in Colombia,

and also contributing 1,000 pesos a month to support the Indian work on the plains. Also, the congregation is helping to build two churches in two suburbs of Bucaramanga as well as giving to buy a lot to build a church. This congregation is rejoicing that they are winning the lost through their giving.

"Constantly we see new growth and thank God for the precious opportunities He gives us to enter these open doors," reports Missionaries Rev. and Mrs. John Firth in Colombia. When a family from any of our Bogota churches buys land in a new housing district, they are asked to open their homes for meetings. From that focal point, visitation is carried on so that soon there is a believing nucleus. In one of the homes the wife found Christ as Savior, was baptized in the Holy Spirit and is on fire for God. She now witnesses to all her neighbors. She was also healed of a tumor and is a living witness to God's healing power.

Many guests have been coming to the church to visit. Among these is Major Jorge Leal, head of the Immigration Department, and Senator and Mrs. Chegwyn, who represent Barranquilla. Both families are fine Christians. Major and Mrs. Leal have been filled with the Holy Spirit.

**Honduras**—It was time for the service to begin in Pueblo Nuevo. The people were waiting but the workers had a problem. Somehow, oil had gotten into the gasoline and the lantern would not work. The young workers prayed and tried over and over to get the lantern to work, but it would not burn. They prayed, "Oh, Lord, we have come all the way from San Pedro to have this meeting. There are over 100 people here in the open air waiting to hear the Word. How can we have a

service when it is so dark that we can hardly see each other, much less see our Bibles?"

At that moment, the clouds rolled back in the sky and the light of a full moon filled the night with its radiance. It was so bright that they had no trouble reading their Bibles. They had a wonderful service that night. Too, the young workers saw how the Lord could meet any need and that He could even provide His own emergency lamp.

**Panama**—During the youth night of the National Convention in Panama, one of the first to respond to the invitation to accept Christ as Saviour was a Communist youth leader. He had been puzzled over the change in one of his best friends who now attends the services regularly. He came to the convention to find out why this had happened and as a result made a public confession of faith in Jesus.

Panama has received some of its heaviest rainfall. In the Sambu Valley of the Darien, the villages and farms were all flooded. The people prayed at the parsonage for the storm to break. It broke shortly after that and the flood level dropped. Rev. Coombs requested that \$1,000 be sent to help in the relief action. These funds were sent immediately to assist in this relief operation. □



Altar service, Kingston, Jamaica Crusade. (See story, page 12)

#### District Missionary Giving

District	1975
Angelus Temple	\$101,561.83
Eastern	116,586.06
Eastern Canada	7,893.66
Great Lakes	211,765.44
Midwest	147,404.58
Northwest	193,509.11
South Central	74,220.75
Southeast	71,392.57
So. California	192,988.52
Southwest	190,874.67
Western	125,915.13
Western Canada	50,536.70



Howard P. Courtney

## OPEN YOUR BIBLE: PREACH THE WORD

*By way of introduction, may I point out that I am not talking about methodology here, nor one form of "preaching", but the giving out of massive doses of the Word of God in any or all forms in the power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.*

II Timothy 4:1-5 states, "Preach the Word . . ." We have here one of the most solemn, sobering, thought-provoking charges in the entire Word of God. The great Apostle Paul in what may be considered his last charge to Timothy and speaking as one who will himself soon be in the immediate presence of God says:

*"I charge thee, therefore, before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; PREACH THE WORD . . ." [II Tim. 4:1, 2]*

The all-powerful motive for every God-called preacher, teacher and Gospel worker, young or old to "preach the Word" is the truth that he labors and works in the immediate sight of God the Father and in the sight of His beloved Son, Jesus!

The Gospel, the Word must be preached. It is not to be hidden away, enjoyed in private only, or kept behind closed doors. It must not be wrapped in a napkin. It is a Gospel to be openly, clearly and constantly preached.

Preach the Word, for Jesus is coming! God is watching! Men are dying! The world is perishing! Let nothing deter us from preaching the Word—the Word of light, life and hope!

Preach the Word, for this is harvest time. Yes, the fields are white unto harvest and what we do we must do quickly for the storms and tempests of night cometh when no man can work!

The exhortation to "Preach the Word" is particularly appropriate for these tremendous, last days in which we live. In these momentous days, bend your efforts to boldly, courageously, zealously PREACH THE WORD without flinching, without shrinking, without wincing, without compromise and without apology!

Preach the Word, for there is no light, no direction, no signpost, no guidepost, no path, no road, no way, no means, no capacity, no possibility whatsoever for a man or a woman to find his way into the will, pleasure, goodness and salvation of God apart from it.

Preach the Word, for this Book has the capacity, the ability, the power to lead a lost soul straight and sure and unerringly to the Cross of Jesus Christ, where he can wash his robes and make them white in the blood of the Lamb.

**"God's Word has power to cleanse the unclean, strengthen the weak and make heroes of faith out of doubters."**

Preach the Word, for ". . . faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17).

Preach the Word, for it is a sharp, two-edged sword. It is the discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart (Heb. 4:12). It is the offensive weapon of the Holy Spirit for it is declared to be "the sword of the Spirit" (Eph. 6:17).

Preach the Word, for the written Word is God's testimony and story of the living Word, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Preach the Word, for this holy Bible is a mighty harbor of safety, security, peace and rest to lost men and women who are drifting with a dreadful tide, far from the shore. Lost humanity is far from the haven of rest, without chart, without compass, without helm, rudder, help or hope.

Preach the Word, even as Jeremiah the prophet exhorts, ". . . he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully" (Jer. 23:28).

Preaching the Word in the power of the Spirit brings results for time and eternity. The Word has power to make the unclean, clean; the weak, strong; the selfish, self-sacrificing; the unbelieving, heroes of faith: The Word produces spiritual grit, backbone, determination, strength, power and enlightened faith to meet the onslaughts of the lion of Hell.

The Word preached and turned loose in the life of an individual will light up his life like a lantern, like an electric bulb and make him to fulfill the words of Jesus when He said, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14).

Surely we should approach this Book and deal with it with yielded hearts, bareheaded, bent knees and deepest reverence, for this is holy ground. This Book glistens with divine glory. This Bible is the very Word of God. It is inspired of God.

This Word came straight from our holy God. It was delivered to inspired, holy men. It contains holy precepts. It was designed to make us holy, and will lead us in the unsullied highway of holiness, happiness and holy joy!

Oh, may we Preach the Word! May the Word weigh heavily upon our hearts. May we be true Bible preachers and teachers. May its sacred fire burn within our hearts, souls and spirits because of a needy church and a dying world!

Preach the Word! May we feel what the prophets and apostles felt! May we be inspired as they were inspired! May we be enlightened as they were enlightened. May we be moved upon as they were moved upon! May we speak, preach and teach in the same spirit that the prophets spoke when they received and gave this glorious, Holy Spirit-inspired Word of God! □

# RAYMOND COX: *current & events & comments*

"Ark Fever" is heating the imaginations of countless Christians, and well it might. Perhaps it should, for the prophetic plan of God may well include the recovery from Mount Ararat of Noah's ark and its manifestation to modern men.

Dr. James Warwick Montgomery, probably the foremost "ark-aeologist" of them all, has written, "The line of demarcation between the antediluvian world and our world passes directly through the summit of Greater Ararat." So probably does the line of demarcation between our world and the coming Golden Age of God, the millennial kingdom.

The "mountains of Ararat" (Genesis 8:4) are two, the 12,840 foot high symmetrical red-gray cone called Lesser Ararat which is dwarfed by Greater Ararat's 16,945 rugged mass to the west. A green plain fills the col between the two peaks which share the same base up to about the 8,000 foot elevation. Greater Ararat represents the tallest mountain in the world measured from base to summit. Other peaks soar higher but they begin at greater elevations.

The Turkish authorities would permit me to ascend on Greater Ararat only to about the 7,000 foot elevation. I visited the Kurd village of Ahora, whose name means "the place of the planting of the vine," memor-

alizing the event of Genesis 9:20 which tradition locates in the vicinity. I looked longingly up the trail toward the place where several explorers claim to have found remnants of Noah's Ark. Earlier I had gingerly fingered a chunk of wood which Ferdinand Navarra claimed he sawed off from the ark.

But is there prophetic significance? Dr. John Wilson claimed, "As far as antiquity is concerned, all lines of investigation in the future will eventually converge on the area of Mt. Ararat." Jesus may have said something similar with His words, "... As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of Man" (Luke 17:26). In the days of Noah the ark was apparent. The day may not be long coming before it is apparent again! By remote sensing an American satellite has pinpointed on Ararat an object which may be the ark. Jim McCormick of Holy Ground Mission in Texas—a group exploring for the ark—claims there have been documented 187 sightings of the ark since 1840. An Eastern Christian Archbishop, John Joseph Nouri, reported to the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago in 1893 that he reached the ark in 1887. He tried to raise money to bring the ark to the Columbian Exposition but funds were not forthcoming. It may not have been time. Montgomery was not whistling in the dark when he mused, "Is it possible that God has preserved the very vessel that, like the wooden Cross, saved those who entrusted themselves to it, so as to bring it forth as a most concrete indicator of the return of the days of Noah?" The ark may not be apparent before the Rapture but almost certainly it will before the Revelation when Jesus Christ returns to earth with His Church! ④



## LETTERS:

### Santa Claus and Christmas

I read the article on Santa Claus, Christmas celebrations and everything pertaining to the winter solstice season. I observed you strived to condone and rationalize much pagan worship involved.

I find no dates or days to observe concerning Jesus Christ our Lord except communion. If December 25 is a day to be acknowledged and observed, why aren't all the gifts, honor and glory given to Jesus Christ? I thank God for your solid missionary works!

R.C.

### ADVANCE Ministers

Please send me two copies of the December, 1975 ADVANCE. The article on the healing of Marie Rosenberger was a real encouragement. As we gave our copy away, I want to give another one to a family praying for a loved one who has cancer. Please keep the check as an offering.

J.B.

The November issue of the ADVANCE seemed to be filled with material that was to spark my life. I seem to have a need to know that God is still working in Florida and Washington, D.C., as well as on the foreign field.

M.P.

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